

COUNTING AMERICAN OFFENSIVE FROM WEST SMASHES TOWARD RHINE, LESS THAN 15 MILES FROM THE REICH'S LAST-DITCH WATER BARRIER; SWEEP UP 18 MORE TOWNS

Defense Lines Crumbling Before the Yankee Forces

ORM RATH CASTLE

Story's Mightiest Aerial Blitz Blasts A Bleeding Reich

International News Service

The mounting American offensive at the West—which Moscow has shared will end in the final collapse of Germany—smashed toward Rhine today from points less than 15 miles from the Reich's final last-ditch water barrier.

Combined U. S. First and Ninth Army forces drove across the Cologne plain for gains of seven miles and the Roer River on a curving flank front, and field dispatches from the Germans were cleared in the crossroads town of Steinless, six miles east of Juelich.

Allied headquarters revealed the Germans swept up 18 more German towns and increased their day-day bag of prisoners to more than 6,000, two-thirds the strength of the German division, in fusing the Roer bridgeheads into a solid front aimed at the German industrial Ruhr.

Frank Coniff, International News Service correspondent with the Third Army, reported Nazi defense lines were crumbling before the Americans. He said American casualties were comparatively light in view of the magnitude of the Allied drive.

First Army forces, with Duernmich Juelich behind them, stormed Aachen-Dueren-Cologne highway stronghold of Rath Castle and pushed to within 15 miles of Cologne, the great Rhine industrial center.

The history's mightiest aerial blitz blasted a bleeding Reich crushed between Allied assaults from the East and West, the U. S. Ninth Army whipped into the highway of Steinstrasse after seizing the ground overlooking the Urft River.

Teich communications were reported in chaos after nearly two weeks of sustained air assaults by squadrons of virtually every European command, the German radio reported still other formations winging toward northwestern Germany.

Great tank battles were reported

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HOISTING OLD GLORY OVER IWO



THIS HISTORY-MAKING PHOTO, radioed from Guam, shows U. S. Marines of the 28th Regiment, 5th Division, hoisting the Stars and Stripes on the rocky summit of Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima. The volcanic fortress is now in U. S. hands. Official U. S. Navy photo. (International Soundphoto)

Various Matters To Be Discussed By Realtors

DOYLESTOWN, Feb. 26—General discussion of various subjects is scheduled for the March meeting of Bucks Co. Real Estate Board at the Union House on Thursday evening. The directors will meet at six o'clock and the regular dinner session of the board will be at 6:30.

Among the matters that are suggested for discussion are: Insurance companies being permitted to invest in real estate in Pennsylvania for an indefinite time; industry bill to make the sale of real estate absolute; abolition of taxes on real estate for school purposes, except as is necessary for debt charges or maintenance of school; imposition of a sales tax for school purposes; possible post-war continuation of OPA rent controls; a question of state and federal control of insurance companies.

NOW CPL. BETZ

Vance Betz, Third Avenue, who stationed at Buckingham Army Air Field, Fort Myers, Fla., has been promoted from private to corporal, and received his gunnery wings on February 17th.

LOCAL WEATHER OBSERVATIONS

FOR 24 HOUR PERIOD ENDING 8 A. M. AT ROHM & HAAS WEATHER OBSERVATORY, BRISTOL, PA.

Temperature Readings	
Maximum	52° F.
Minimum	35° F.
Range	17° F.
Hourly Temperatures	
8 a. m. yesterday	25°
9	26°
10	32°
11	42°
12 noon	44°
1 p. m.	45°
2	46°
3	47°
4	48°
5	49°
6	49°
7	47°
8	44°
9	41°
10	38°
11	35°
12 midnight	32°
1 a. m. today	30°
2	28°
3	27°
4	26°
5	25°
6	24°
7	23°
8	22°
Relative Humidity	
8 a. m.	88%
Precipitation (inches)	
24 hours	.03
TIDES AT BRISTOL	
High water	3:32 a. m.; 3:57 p. m.
Low water	10:37 a. m.; 11:05 p. m.

HERE AND THERE IN BUCKS COUNTY TOWNS

Activities of Interest To All In The Various Communities

GLEANED BY SCRIBES

DOYLESTOWN Cub Pack No. 18, held a "Blue and Gold" birthday party at the Salem Reformed Church, with 36 cubs and their fathers and friends present, last week. A supper was served by the Den Mothers, Mrs. C. A. Sienkiewicz, Mrs. Edward A. Twining, Mrs. Harold Chubb, Mrs. Wilmer A. Lowmes and Mrs. Harry F. Howe.

William S. Mason, den dad, as toastmaster, introduced the speaker of the evening, District Attorney Edward G. Blester, representing the fathers. He was followed by "Ronnie" Gottschall, a member of the cub pack, who spoke of the true relation that should exist between dad and his boy.

The Rev. Dr. Charles F. Freeman, as acting Cubmaster, conducted a graduation ceremony, promoting into scouting Cubbs Harold Chubb, Jr., James Bryan, Thomas Redfield, John T. Weer, Russell Charles Beer, Lester Friele and Daniel W. Tomlinson.

Former Cubmaster Harvey Swartley, who retired last month after holding the position for six years and had been made a county official in cubbing, was presented with a brief case by the members of the pack.

George Bishop, neighborhood commissioner of scouting, and Raymond Barney, Cubmaster, were guests.

Seven members of the Chalfont Girl Scouts met at the home of Mrs. Kathryn Bishop at Chalfont last week to work on an afghan, which will be sent to Valley Forge General Hospital when it is completed. Members present were Patricia Gallagher, Bernice and Helen Riley, Jacqueline Fretz, Delsie Lutz, Marjorie Young and Barbara Conitt.

Miss Florence Jacoby and Mrs. Douglas Stewart, the leaders, were present.

The major event of the year in local Boy Scout activities took place Thursday, when the Chalfont Lions Club, sponsor of the Chalfont Methodist Church, entertained the scouts, the cubs and their dads at the annual father and son banquet. The event, the 13th of its kind in local scouting, was attended by 114 persons, and was in charge of the president, A. Win.

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AUTOMOBILE BURNS

CORNWELLS HEIGHTS, Feb. 26—Firemen of Cornwells Co. No. 1 and Union Co. were called to fight an automobile fire at the dead end of Station Avenue near the Delaware River on Friday afternoon. It is stated that the car, a coupe, had been abandoned at the spot a short time previous to discovery of the fire. The body of the car was a total loss.

THROW 1100 BILLS IN LEGISLATIVE HOPPER

Resolution to End Introduction After March 12th "Means Nothing"

"SHOW" FOR VISITORS

By International News Service

HARRISBURG, Feb. 26—The House-approved resolution which on the surface appears to end the introduction of most legislation after March 12 really means little or nothing, according to several Assemblymen. . . . The resolution, sponsored by majority leader Franklin H. Lichtenwalter, of Lehigh, and minority chieftain Hiram G. Andrews, of Cambria, prohibits new legislation after that date "except" for appropriation and revenue measures and bills "ordered drafted" prior to the deadline. . . . Robert Frye, director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, said more than 200 bills would be turned out

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Newtown Pupils Donate \$100 To Paralysis Fund

NEWTOWN, Feb. 26—Newtown public school students donated nearly \$100 to the infantile paralysis fund, and are planning to contribute to the Red Cross annual drive.

During the past week most of the pupils and teachers took tests for tuberculosis, results for the 350 undergoing same to be announced soon.

PURCHASE FARMHOUSE

TULLYTOWN, Feb. 26—Mr. and Mrs. Lester B. Shoemaker have purchased a stone farm-house on Old York Road, Hollisong. The localities plan to make extensive alterations to their new property and will move thereto within a few months.

SEVERAL GRASS FIRES

Bristol firemen were called yesterday to extinguish several grass fires.

Local Soldier Dies In Indiantown Gap Hospital

William J. Doyle, a member of the army, died at a hospital at Indiantown Gap on Saturday evening. He was 29 years of age.

The young man entered the service last December 7th, and had been hospitalized for several weeks. He was previously employed by Paterson Parchment Paper Co.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Katherine Doyle, West Bristol; and the following sisters: Mrs. Mary Baker, Mrs. Katherine Alexander, Mrs. Veronica Townsend, Bristol; Miss Regina Doyle, West Bristol; and Mrs. Elizabeth DiAngelo, Newtown.

HISTORY OF NEWTOWN LIBRARY PRESENTED

Paper Prepared by Librarian Is Read Before The Newtown P. T. A.

DONATION OF BOOKS

NEWTOWN, Feb. 26—The Newtown Library, said to be the oldest in Bucks County, and third oldest in Pennsylvania, was told of in historical form at a recent meeting of Newtown Parent-Teacher Association, in the high school building, Monday evening.

Mrs. Miriam Vandegrift, librarian, had prepared the paper, which was read by Mrs. William A. Roberts.

Established in 1760, the local library now has 1300 volumes. When first formed the library had but 35 volumes, and in the early days the books were donated by the shareholders, in exchange for their annual dues. Later the purchases were made from book agents.

The library has a reading room, which is open to the public. At present the library has 180 shareholders. Colonial records of the library are kept in the First National Bank of Newtown, and the first editions are stored in a steel and glass case in the library. In the present building, which was constructed in 1911, are three chairs which were owned by William Penn.

Information regarding the library in the local school was presented by a group of students, who presented a play, "Death in a Library." This play demonstrated how good reading killed ignorance and indifference. Taking part in the performance were Bernice Lambert, William Rounsaville, Janice Blevins, Sallie Ann Tanner, Anna Flatch, Rose Marie Errico, Myrtle Pickock, Patricia Bell, Mary Scott, Jane Brown, Betty Lowmes, Richard and Charles Jones, Mary Hunsicker, Charles Arwine, Rudy Obst and Dorothy Krusen. Pauline Ahrends served as stage manager.

The meeting, which was attended by about 50 persons, was in charge of the president, Mrs. Stevenson W. Fletcher. In celebration of the 48th anniversary of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers she read a letter of congratulatory from the Congress of Mothers of the United States.

During the business session the association decided to make contributions of \$5 each to the Red Cross and the infantile paralysis fund. Money which is left in the treasury at the close of the school term will be used to purchase books for the school library. A committee will be appointed in the near future to select the books to be purchased.

BURIED IN BRITANNY

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reeves, of Chestnut street, have been advised that their son, Pvt. Charles A. Reeves, who died as the result of wounds suffered in France, was buried in Brittany. A letter from Capt. Charles D. Reed, a chaplain of the 116th Infantry, informs the Reeves that Pvt. Reeves, who died as the result of wounds sustained on September 15th last, was buried in an army cemetery, with full military honors accorded.

TO BUY, TO SELL, OR TO EXCHANGE—THE CLASSIFIED COLUMN OF THE COURIER WILL BRING THE DESIRED RESULTS.

PEACE AND OBSCURITY

If a jury were asked to reach its verdict first, and then hear the evidence, most of us would think that an odd way of seeking justice.

Yet in general this is the approach of many advocates of the Crimea Agreement.

All New Deal propaganda has been turned loose to urge Americans that this gift be accepted unwrapped—and that any efforts by Congress and others to examine it while change is still possible should be rebuked by public opinion.

Endorsements are being made by groups and individuals who don't know what they are endorsing—who can't know, because the parties to the agreement haven't said. It may be that Messrs. Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin themselves are not yet quite sure, for there is indication that some of them may have made mental reservations.

Even the compromise formula for Security Council voting, hailed as a statesmanlike compromise arranged by President Roosevelt, has been revealed only informally. We can't be sure yet exactly what it is, or, equally important, whether it would be possible for the San Francisco Peace Conference next April to change it if it should become desirable.

Another question still unanswered is the status under the pact of such special alliances as that made just before the Big Three conference by Russia and France.

Casual reading of the Yalta Report makes it appear that such agreements are subject to the review and approval of the international peace organization; but further examination raises doubt.

This is certainly of fundamental importance. A peace organization in which the members can pair off and write separate agreements to do perhaps something quite different from what the organization itself wishes—that would have the element of novelty, but would hardly offer a basis for lasting peace.

General de Galle seems to have no doubt that France is fully protected under its alliance with Russia in starting a line of action defiant and almost hostile to England and America.

Even worse than lack of information is misinformation.

New Deal publicity following close on the heels of the Yalta Report presented the Polish decision as a true compromise—one in which the Russian puppet government in Warsaw would have to share its rule with the Exile government in London, the one already recognized by England and the United States.

Presently it became obvious that this statement just didn't hold water.

The Warsaw Polish government hailed the agreement as a full victory for itself, and the Exiles as a complete defeat and repudiation. For the first time these two rival governments found themselves in agreement on one point—that the Russian faction was in the saddle as a result of the Crimea conference.

Just to add to the difficulty of understanding what really happened at Yalta, and what the peace plan really is like, some new words were added to diplomatic language.

The bossing of a small nation by a large, variously called mandates, protectorates and spheres of influence in the past, now is to be called by the streamlined but inexact term of "trusteeship."

The policy is elegantly termed "tutelage."

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500 OF TEEN-AGE THROG THE CANTEEN

Young People Enthusiastic About Bristol's New Youth Project

REGISTRATION IS 620

They came by twos and threes, and dozens—they "old" and "ad" at the attractive, well-lighted lounge, and at the more dimly-lighted dance-floor—and they stayed for a gala evening, 599 strong.

Such was the opening night, Saturday, at Bristol's Teen-age Canteen in the former Beaver street school building.

The chairman of the Canteen, Mrs. Adolph Ancker, and her assistants, had a busy evening, but felt it highly worth it, for they had what they termed "grand support" from the young people of Bristol and vicinity. The girls and boys, aged 13 to 19 years, not only were enthusiastic about all that, with the assistance of many of them, had been planned in detail, but "played the game" well by observing canteen rules, carried out by their initi.

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BACK FROM PACIFIC AREA

PFC Robert E. Townsend arrived on Thursday in California from the South Pacific. He is in the Medical Corps and has been in New Guinea, the Philippines, then went to the Dutch East Indies where he received hospital treatment for a skin ailment. He flew from Dutch East Indies to San Francisco, where he is now hospitalized. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Townsend, Wilkeson street.

CROYDONITE SUFFERS SHRAPNEL WOUNDS

PFC Robert Gorski, husband of Helen Thompson Gorski, is injured

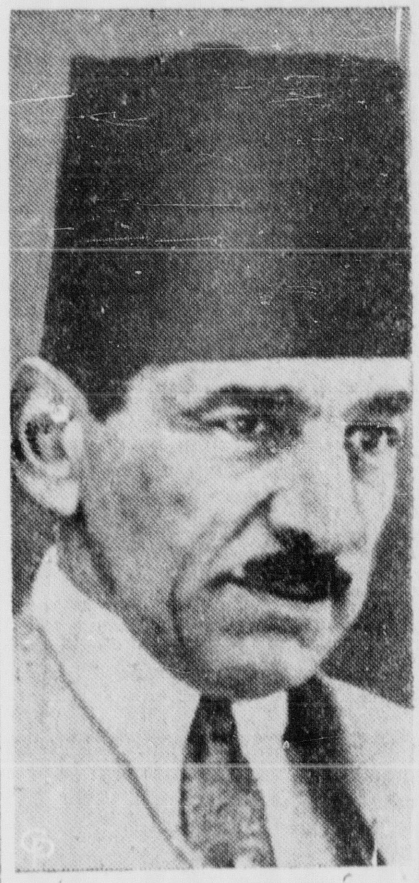
IN HOSPITAL IN FRANCE

CROYDON, Feb. 26—That PFC Robert Gorski, husband of Helen Thompson Gorski, suffered deep shrapnel wounds of the right leg and left hand, is information that has been received by Mrs. Gorski at her Belmont avenue home.

PFC Gorski, a former resident of Morrisville, was wounded in action in France on January 19th. He is

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Premier Slain



EGYPT'S PRIME MINISTER, Dr. Ahmed Maher Pasha (above) was shot and killed in the Parliament building in Cairo after reading to the Chamber of Deputies a royal decree by King Farouk declaring war on Germany and Japan. Witnesses said the assassin was a member of the extremist party. He was arrested immediately. (International)

ORGANIZING FOR RED CROSS WAR FUND

Chairman For Each District and Captains Are Being Selected

QUOTA SET AT \$56,600

The details of perfecting an organization to raise \$56,600 in the Bristol area for the Red Cross war fund is now well underway. Hugh B. Eastburn, Esq., is organizing the Bristol area which will include Bristol Borough, Bristol Township and Tullytown Borough.

The actual solicitation will not get underway until March 8th, when the canvassing of the residential areas will begin and continue on March 9th and 10th. The retail businesses will be solicited on March 12th, 13th and 14th; and the industries, March 15th, 16th and 17th. There is some solicitation going on now.

The business meeting of Bristol Chapter, No. 763, Women of the Moose, will be held tomorrow evening at eight o'clock in the Moose Home. Mrs. Arlene Hampel, of Wilkes-Barre chapter, will visit Bristol chapter. The ceremony of initiation will be held.

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Feast of Purim To Be Marked By Jews

An ancient triumph of the Jews over persecution will be celebrated tonight with the holiday of Purim, the Feast of Lots.

The story goes back to the days of King Ahasuerus of Persia, when Esther, his queen, caused the overthrow of Haman, the prime minister.

Haman had doomed the entire Jewish population of a city, allowing them to draw lots to set the time of each person's destruction.

County Firemen To Meet Mar. 10 At Buckingham

BUCKINGHAM, Feb. 26—Members of Bucks Co. Firemen's Association will meet here on the 10th of March.

This meeting is the time for the nomination of officers. There will be an important report by County Fire Marshal Raymond Strunk, of Quakertown, on several large fires that have occurred during the quarter.

UNDER OBSERVATION

Mrs. Mary D'Ambrosia, Beaver street, is a patient in Abington Hospital, she being taken there by the Rescue Squad on Saturday for observation.

EDGELEY MAN IS COMMENDED FOR HIS BRAVE ACTION

Geo. D. Swain Aids in Extinguishing Fires Aboard British Tanker

DANGER WAS GREAT

Disregarded Danger of Exploding Ammunition and Gasoline

ABOARD A U. S. MINESWEEPER (Delayed)—George D. Swain, baker, second class (Bkr2c), USNR, of Edgely, Pa., has been commended by Admiral Harold R. Stark, USN, Commander of U. S. Naval Forces in Europe, for aiding in extinguishing fires aboard a British tanker in a harbor in France.

The following letter of commendation was presented to Swain by the commanding officer of this rescue ship on behalf of Admiral Stark:

"Your performance of duty on board a burning British tanker in a harbor in France, while you were attached to a minesweeper, has been brought to my attention. You courageously went aboard the burning ship and disregarding the imminent danger from exploding ammunition and gasoline, spared no effort to bring the fire under control. By your initiative and devotion to duty you contributed materially to the expeditions extinguishing of the fire and the salvaging of the vessel."

His mother, Mrs. Axel Swain, lives at Edgely.

Voluntary Compliance Expected With New Rule

Voluntary compliance with the WMC order to close all taprooms, night clubs, bowling alleys and other types of amusement spots at midnight is expected in this area.

Considerable money will be lost by the owners of some of these spots because the amount of business done when workers change their shifts in war plants is considerable. Others will not be affected as they have been closing at or before midnight. Some of the clubs will be affected one or two nights a week, but that is all. One club began obeying the order Friday night and closed the bar before midnight.

INITIATION PLANNED

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GIRL IS SCALDED

SOUTH LANGHORNE, Feb. 26—Doris Smith was taken to Abington Hospital on Saturday night when she was scalded by boiling water. She was removed in the ambulance of Bucks Co. Rescue Squad.

TO HOLD INITIATION

The American War Mothers, Bristol Chapter, will hold a meeting tomorrow at eight p. m. in the Robert Bracken Post Home, 619 Radcliffe street. Initiation for all new members will be held.

NOW IN NURSING HOME

CORNWELLS HEIGHTS, Feb. 26—Mrs. Cecelia Stackhouse, who resides here, was removed from Stratford, N. J., yesterday to a nursing home in Torresdale.

WHAT OUR BOYS ARE DOING TO WIN THE WAR

A NINTH AIR FORCE BOMBER BASE, FRANCE.—Cpl. William H. Hogarth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Hogarth, 925 Garden street, Bristol, Pa., recently sent the P-47 Thunderbolt whose guns he maintains, on its 119th combat mission. Hogarth, whose main task is to maintain the Thunderbolt's eight 50 calibre machine guns, has had only one single gun stoppage—that being a hard primer, which is beyond an armorer's control.

Using machine guns Hogarth has cleaned, timed and harmonized, P-47 pilots have downed three enemy fighter planes. "It's a great thrill to hear pilots, all nervous and excited, describe how they shot down German planes," said Cpl. Hogarth.

A former employee of Fleetwings, Inc., Cpl. Hogarth also loads and fuses bombs and rockets for the "Preying Angels" fighter squadron. This squadron has been making constant attacks against the enemy in co-operation with American ground forces.

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WRITTEN IN FLAME

In Europe and in Asia today
there is displayed military might
on a scale never before seen. The
vast armies and clouds of aircraft
inexorably crushing the life out of
Germany, the mighty fleets rang-
ing the waters off Japan and the
air and land forces systematically
cutting the Japanese island em-
pire into shreds—these are ma-
chines of war built to unprece-
dented dimensions.

Even now it is hard to grasp
the colossal size of these engines
of destruction America and her
Allies have unleashed against
their enemies. It is difficult to
visualize armies comprising mil-
lions of men, or thousands of
bombers in the skies, or ships
covering an expanse of sea farther
than the eye can reach. Yet they
are real, terribly real, as Germany
and Japan have cause to know.

Perhaps even the Huns and
the Japs can hardly credit the
existence of these massive instru-
ments of force. For they have
chosen to believe that the "deca-
dent democracies" could not or
would not find the will to match
their own war juggernauts. It is
not easy for men who wish to be
blind to recognize actualities, how-
ever obvious they may be.

The facts are nevertheless
plain for all to see. Never in his-
tory has the world seen such an
array of armed strength and it is
in the hands of the peace-loving
nations that the warlike Germans
and Japs held up to scorn. These
peoples, who had to attack before
they would fight and who had to
create the means of resistance af-
ter they were attacked, have con-
founded their would-be conquer-
ors.

Once again an old and trite
saying is being proved true by
the awesome force being brought
to bear on those who preached
that might makes right. It is writ-
ten in flame and blood across the
battlefields of the world that it is
right that makes might.

PHILIPPINES SUGAR

One result of the Philippines
campaign which may be felt in
the United States this year is im-
provement of the sugar supply.
Washington officials hope for
500,000 tons or more of Philip-
pines sugar this year. The sugar
will be available if shipping can
be found to transport it.

There was a large amount of
raw sugar on hand in the Philip-
pines when they were seized by
Japan in 1942. The enemy has
used a little sugar since then in
making industrial alcohol but
otherwise the stocks are intact.
Negros Island, which produces
approximately two-thirds of Phil-
ippines sugar, has been seized by
guerrillas with little property dam-
age. Small damage is also report-
ed from the Luzon sugar area, second largest producer.

This large supply of sugar will
improve the present tight supply
situation in the United States and
give this nation a better position
in bargaining with Cuba on future
sugar prices. It also puts in the
hands of the Filipinos a ready as-
set to use in purchasing imports
of which the archipelago is in dire
need.

ECHOES OF THE PAST

(By Courier Staff Member)

Review of the news as it appeared in the Bucks County Gazette
issue dated at Bristol June 19, 1884. The Gazette, a weekly news-
paper published in Bristol, was discontinued following its merger
with the Courier.

Bristol borough tax duplicate
foots up this year \$8,153.55. The
tax assessed against the first ward
is \$3,479.60; against the second,
\$2,336.85; and against the third,
\$2,337.10. There are also 257 dogs
returned for taxation.

Captain Cone has adopted a new
and novel system of ticket selling
upon the steamers Republic and
Columbia. Out of every 100 sold
ten free ones are given away.
They are promiscuously purchased,
and the lucky passenger in every
case has his money returned with
the ticket.

Repairs are now being made at
the Methodist Church on Wood
street. The services are held in the
lecture room until the improve-
ments are completed.

A five-pound bass is the latest
boasted product of the upper Dela-
ware.

Sturgeon are present in such
numbers in Delaware Bay that a
single fisherman caught over 200
in two days last week.

The new schooner Margaret May,
Lemuel Jarvis captain, has re-
ceived the first cargo, amounting
to 802 tons of coal consigned
from Philadelphia to Boston.

The manufacture of coal gas at
the Bristol Gas Works began to-
day. It will be two or three days
before any perceptible difference
will be observed in the light.

(Following items culled from
Bucks Co. Gazette, issue of June 26,
1884.)

A number of persons who for
several years have been using oil
lamps have decided to return to
gas.

The benches have been taken out
of the lecture room of the Baptist
Church, and comfortable chairs put
in their place.

The First African Baptist Church
of Bristol will hold special serv-
ices at Red Men's Hall on Sunday,
June 29th. The object of these serv-
ices is to raise money to purchase
a lot on which to erect a church
building.

Strickland Knight, a well-known
citizen of Bensalem Township, re-
siding near the Trappe, was almost
instantly killed on Friday last, by
being thrown from his wagon
while on his way to the blacksmith
shop. How the accident occurred is
not very clear. . . . The team ar-
rived at the shop without a driver
and search being made Mr. Knight
was found unconscious in the road.
He died in a few hours. He was
about 70 years of age. . . .

Bucks County is noted for its
number of places of resort, which
are now being liberally patronized.
Sharon Park, Solebury Park, Lang-
horne Park, and the grove at Mor-
risville are all popular resorts for
picnic parties. The annual camp
meeting of the Methodists at Simp-
son's Grove proves to be more
largely patronized than usual this
year. . . . These several pleasure
grounds are visited by many thou-
sands of people, and it is but sel-
dom that anything of a disagree-
able nature happens to mar the
pleasure of the participants.

The long frame bridge across the
Delaware at Trenton was destroyed
by fire last night. The fire caught
accidentally near the New Jersey
end, and in a quarter of an hour
the whole seven spans were in
flames. The Trenton firemen fought
the fire until the span next to the
one on which they stood went
down without any warning, when
they were ordered to the shore. . . .
The bridge was the property of
the Trenton City Bridge Company.
The light from the fire could be
seen at Bristol.

Courier Classified Ads cost little
but accomplish much.

Cornwells Heights

Francis Lotz has accepted a posi-
tion with Madsen Machine and
Foundry Co., Edgington.

Wendelein Staudt is ill at his
home.

Charles Ewing, Ph. M. 1/c, is now
in San Francisco, Cal., awaiting re-
assignment. He recently spent a 30
days' leave with his parents, Mr.
and Mrs. R. G. Ewing.

Mrs. Robert Mandrel has return-
ed home from the Episcopal Hos-
pital, Philadelphia, where she re-
cently underwent an operation.

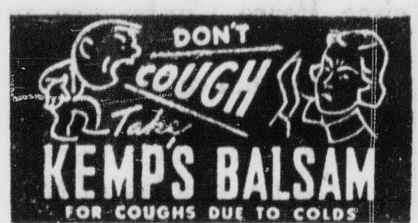
Myrna Jean VanSant has been ill
for several days at her home.
Harold Hollingsworth, Sp. A 2/c,
has been transferred from Bain-
bridge, Md., to Gulfport, Miss. He
is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank
Hollingsworth, Bristol Pike.

ANDALUSIA

Angela Gabriele, 10-year-old
daughter of Mrs. Vella Gabriele,
gave solo dance numbers at a ban-
quet sponsored by a women's club
in Philadelphia on Wednesday eve-
ning. Angela is a student at a
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CHAPTER TWENTY-NINE

Peter steered me in the direction
of the inn, and the clerk called
after us, "You look fine, Mr. Hu-
ber. Glad the rain's off."

"Thanks," said Peter. "Yes, they
were all right."

"I'll never forget what you looked
like when you came to the store that
morning," added the clerk with a
chuckle that carried clearly through
the winter silence.
Peter grinned back at the chat-
ty clerk as we crossed the narrow
white porch of the inn. It was a
hospitable and warm old tavern.
We went along a dark passage and
entered the tap room. Except for the
bartender, no one else was there
—or at least I could see no one,
although the high-backed settles
along the side walls cut off my view
of one corner of the room. Beside
the bar was the kind of machine
where one drops in nickels and
takes what comes, if anything.

"Hello, Mr. Huber," beamed the
bartender.

"Hello, John. I guess we'll have
a—what do you want, Miss Keate?"
I took ginger ale. Peter ordered
whisky and soda. And suddenly the
bartender chuckled much as the
cabinets clerk had chuckled.

"You certainly look different, Mr.
Huber," he said. "Ever find your
baggage?"

"No. Guess it's gone forever."

"Too bad. You looked as if you'd
been shipwrecked."

"Telt like it, too," admitted Peter.
He buttoned his short leather
jacket, untied the white scarf
around his throat and said, "Any-
body been in here from the inquest,
John?"

The bartender's face sobered in-
stantly. "That's a bad business,
Mr. Huber," he said. "First murder
in Baliford since—well, I can't re-
member another and I've been here
a long time." He ambled away.

Peter leaned his chin gloomily in
his hands. "I lost my baggage?" he
explained ruefully. "I arrived here
with what amounted to fancy dress.
The natives can't forget it."

If he was trying to divert me, he
didn't succeed. "You were at the
inquest. What happened?"
"Nothing, really. They didn't in-
tend anything to happen, I sup-
pose. It was a formality. Dr. Chiv-
ery was there; he and the police
doctor both testified as to what they
had found. The police testified, too
—that is, Nugent and one of the
troopers. Then they had the lawyer
that had drawn up Brent's will tell
something of its contents."

"They said nothing of—Drue?"
Peter shook his head, rubbed his
hands across his thick, curly blond
hair. "Not a word. And Soper
can't ask for a Grand Jury indict-
ment until after the inquest renders
a verdict. So Drue is safe till then.
The inquest can't be concluded, un-
til they have more evidence."

The bartender ambled toward us
and set our glasses on the table.
Peter went on, "Alexia wanted me
to go and hear what was said, so I
went. She took a long drink, put
down his glass and said unexpect-
edly, "Conrad really had a lot of
money. And it won't go to Drue,
so that ought to help out your little

friend. I mean, she hadn't money
for a motive."

I said, a little gloomily, "Unless
they think she hoped to remarry
Craig and thus get money. That is,
if Craig does inherit."

"Oh, yes, he inherits. Conrad
wouldn't have cut him off; Conrad
was strong on family."

"Yes, I know," then added, "He
seems to have felt that Alexia fitted
into his family particularly well."

Peter glanced at me, and said
slowly, "Perhaps he married her
because Craig had as good as jilted
her. The honor of the family—all
that."

"Nonsense," I said. "He was in
love with her; he . . ." I hesitated
and then went on, "But, that doesn't
matter, and it's nothing to me."

"Nor to me," nodded Peter, and
added thoughtfully, "But there's
Mrs. Chivery, handsome and bril-
liant. I should have thought some-
body like—well, like Mrs. Chivery,
would have attracted Conrad."

"Oh, I didn't mean anything," he
said hurriedly. "It's only that she's
very—well, attractive, you know."

I stared at him. He had a pleas-
ant face; calm blue eyes well spaced
above high, rather sharp cheek-
bones; blunt chin, wide mouth, and
thick blond eyebrows. . . . Perhaps
it was Maud Chivery he'd fallen in
love with and not Alexia. True,
Maud was at least twenty years
older than he, but . . .

Peter interrupted my specula-
tions with, "Chivery knew about
Conrad's will; before the inquest
began he told me about it. Dr.
Chivery himself inherits fifty thou-
sand dollars."

"Fifty . . . Good gracious!"
"They were old friends. And
Mrs. Chivery managed the house
for Conrad for years. Until he
married Alexia. Then there were
a few bequests to servants, some-
thing like five thousand to the
butler. There were smaller sums
to one or two charities. The rest
was divided between Craig and
Alexia."

So Alexia had that for a motive.
Suddenly I remembered Nicky.
"Nothing to Nicky, Senour?"

"No. But Nicky's already had his
share. The police learned that for
two years or so Conrad has been
paying Nicky substantial sums. At
irregular intervals. By check."

If that was true Nicky Senour
had every motive to keep Conrad
alive.

Peter went on calmly, "But I
don't think it was blackmail. It—"
His head jerked around and his eyes
fastened on something behind me.
I hadn't heard a sound or a rustle,
but Peter got quickly to his feet.
And I turned around just as Maud
Chivery emerged from the high-
backed settle in the corner.

Maud said to Peter, "I thought
Claud would come in here after the
inquest. I wanted to know what
happened." (I thought, parentheti-
cally, that she had heard that, and
some other things too.) She went on
quickly, "Have you seen him?"

"He left the inquest a few min-
utes before it was adjourned."

"Oh," said Maud. "Well, then
I'll go home with you, if you don't
mind." She folded her cloak around
her, fixed her bright dark eyes up-
on Peter and said, "Are you sure
about the money? Conrad's money,
I mean. Doesn't any of it come di-
rect to me?"

"Dr. Chivery told me the money
comes to him, but Conrad must have
meant it for both of you."

Maud pulled her cloak closer
around her and let Peter pay for
her drinks. I got up and prepared
to go. I didn't leap to the conclu-
sion that Maud Chivery was a dip-
somatic because she chose to re-
tire to the depths of Baliford's bar,
but I did think that her eyes were
a little glassy.

On the way out I stopped at the
slot machine. Peter and Maud had
gone on ahead when rather unex-
pectedly I found that my fingers
had explored the pocket of my cape
and found a nickel. So I put it in
the machine and turned a crank.
Thereupon a shower of nickels shot
out of the machine many of them
rolling merrily on the floor.

Peter and Maud came back and
helped me gather up nickels. At
least Peter did. Although I'm not
sure that Maud didn't pick up one
or two, but, if she did, she didn't
give them to me.

But it was owing to the nickels
(and perhaps a little to the brandy
she'd drunk while waiting for her
husband) that Maud said just what
she said.

Peter had pursued several spin-
ning little disks behind the bar
where he and the bartender were
talking. Maud leaned toward me,
touched the nickels in my cupped
hands with positively loving fingers
and said, her face all aglow, "Mo-
ney—I'm going to have lots of
money, soon. As soon as they can
get the jewels. All behind the
church."

"Church—church!" I stuttered in a
kind of gasp, clutching nickels.

Maud nodded briskly, with a
shimmering hard glaze over her
eyes.

"Truckloads of jewels, Spanish
. . ." she said in a whisper. Then
Peter came back and we went di-
rectly out to the car. Peter laugh-
ing a little and Maud suddenly as
silent as a little black shadow. As
well she might be, I thought a little
tersely, if brandy affected her like
that.

It developed shortly that he had
an errand at her own house and
Peter offered to take her there and
bring her back to the Brent place.
"Alexia insists upon me staying on,"
said Maud.

So they let me out at the corner
where the main road to Baliford
branched onto the road past the
Brent place.

(To be continued)

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erating nicely at her home follow-
ing a period spent in Abington Hos-
pital.

Mrs. Alfred Tomesani, Eaton-
town, N. J., formerly of Bristol,
spent Thursday visiting her son-in-
law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs.
Robert Shemeley, Mill street.

erson, N. J., and Mrs. John Lind-
sey, East Orange, N. J., spent Wed-
nesday and Thursday with relatives
and friends in Bristol.

Cpl. Benjamin Harman, who was
sent Thursday visiting her son-in-
law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs.
Robert Shemeley, Mill street.

of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Har-
man, Spruce street.

PEACE AND OBSCURITY

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Thus it is understood that "trusteeships" are to be
set up for various Pacific islands, French-held Syria and
Lebanon, British-mandated Palestine, and perhaps some
still-to-be-created states along the Rhineland, as well as
various strategic bases.

The mere fact that the conferees couldn't find, in
all the thousands of orthodox words in the English
language, one which they cared to use in describing the
proposed status of such territory is in itself rather dis-
concerting.

Going farther afield, we have been reminded anew
in the last few days that no one in America, outside the
trusted New Deal inner circle, yet knows the terms of
armistice under which Italy now is operating.

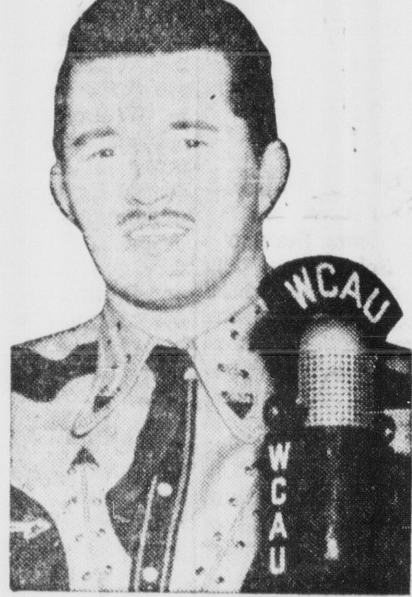
Demand was made in the Senate for the publication
of the terms—demand based on the appearance in foreign
newspapers of purported terms calling for the parcelling
out to various other European nations of valuable Italian
possessions in the Mediterranean, and for the apportion-
ment of two million Italian workers to several nations,
including the United States, for post-war work.

On the good faith and fair treatment by the Allied
Nations of countries like Italy surely will depend the
future peace of the world—yet after all these many
months the American public, faced with the responsibility
of passing judgment on the Big Three Pact, still is not
to be trusted with this sort of information.

For the New Dealers to demand that the American
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FIRST PLACE AT STAKE TONIGHT WHEN RAMBLERS PLAY CELTICS IN THE BRISTOL YOUTH LEAGUE

First place will be at stake tonight on the Mutual Aid floor as the Ramblers meet the Celtics in a Bristol Youth League match. Three games are scheduled with the Harman Methodist meeting the Third Ward Eagles and the Bristol Aces playing Franklin A. C. in the other games. Opening tapoff is scheduled for 7:30 o'clock.

The Ramblers and Celtics are undefeated in league competition with both possessing five straight wins. The teams are evenly matched and a close tilt is expected. The Ramblers have a wonderful offensive team while the Celtics are noted for their tight defensive playing and fans feel that if Vito Della, boys can hold down the Ramblers' score, it will be a Celtics triumph.

The Eagles-Methodist affair is a replay of their game of February 15th. The Methodists won this contest but Third Ward protested and the game was ordered replayed.

Franklin is expected to triumph over the Aces in the final tilt of the night. Franklin has shown an immense improvement in the last three games.

MAJORETTES LEAD IN TRENTON LEAGUE

The Majorettes took the lead in the Trenton Girls Playground League by winning over the Fleetwings Sparrows on the Junior No. 1 floor, Trenton. Final score was 41-24.

Barber and Parson led the Trenton team to victory with 31 points while Walterick scored 13 points for the aircraft workers.

Fleetwings Sparrows	P.G.	P.G.	P.G.	P.G.	P.G.
Duffy f	1	5			
Walterick f	3	13			
Gillenwater f	3	0	6		
Sak g	0	0	0		
Cleenko g	0	0	0		
Marazzo g	0	0	0		
Total	16	4	24		

Majorettes	P.G.	P.G.	P.G.	P.G.	P.G.
Barber f	9	3	21		
Parsons f	4	2	10		
Byrne f	2	0	4		
Di Louie f	3	0	6		
Pord g	0	0	0		
Lipman g	0	0	0		
Reitzel g	0	0	0		
Rushner g	0	0	0		
Total	18	5	41		

Two Teams Tie For First Place In Dart League

Two teams are tied for first place in the Bristol Dart League. Hillside and St. Ann's.

Standing	Points
Hillside	21
St. Ann's	21
Moore	20
Phillips	16
Crosley's	12
Keller's	12
Accordia's	10
Flatiron	0

500 of Teen-Age Through the Canteen

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vidual duties, and when the hour of 11 came many remained to assist in setting things to rights one more.

Total registration of 620 to date proves the need of such a canteen, the officials feel, and the first night attendance of approximately 500 shows that the young folks appreciate the project.

They commenced their trek from all parts of Bristol borough and from sections of Bristol Township shortly before seven in order to be present for the grand opening. And as they peered through the windows of the main floor and the basement one would be heard to comment "Let's play darts first," while back would come an answer such as, "Aw, let's try shuffleboard." And at 10 o'clock some of the young ones, with possibly definite hour set by parents, commenced their leave-taking, while the majority remained until 11.

Mrs. Benjamin Broadbidge had a busy evening at the snack-bar in the lounge, serving ice cream cones, soft drinks, packaged crackers and cookies. In the basement there wasn't a dull moment around the soft-drink dispensing machine.

Upon entering the corridor and while waiting registration, the young folks had their first view of the lounge. They liked the red and rust toned draperies and matching rugs, and the soft, pale green of the freshly-painted walls. They were pleased with the many easy chairs with their cheerful upholstery or slip-covers; the occasional tables and many floor and table lamps; the fact that there were card tables and folding chairs here and there for the games; mirrors and attractive paintings. And they said they were "keen" about it all. The quiet games, handy in the lounge, were to their liking—chess, checkers, Chinese checkers, dominoes, pitt, rook, card games, Acey Ducey, electric football, India, etc. For those who desired a cozy chair and a quiet period there were many magazines.

On the other side of the entrance hall and kitchen was the dance floor, with a record-player on a small platform. The machine was operated by the young folks, who had their evening dance outlined with three "fast" numbers and then

ROHM & HAAS CHALKS UP WIN OVER TURNERS

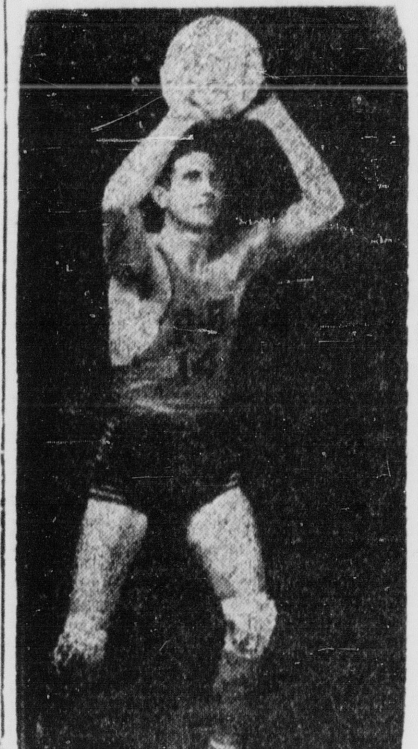
Cahall Leads Attack Which Defeats Turners of Riverside

SCORES 15 OF 43 POINTS

Jersey Players Made Several Spurts But Could Not Overcome the Lead

With Ralph Cahall leading the attack, Rohm and Haas chalked up a 15-11 victory over the Turners

LEADS TEAM



RALPH CAHALL
Who scored 15 points of team's total of 43.

Club, of Riverside, on the Social Club floor, Maple Beach.

Cahall scored four field goals and dropped in seven out of seven fouls for a total of 15 points. The chemical mixers had the lead from the start and at half-time were in front 15-11. The Jersey club made several scoring spurts but could not overcome the edge of the Maple Beach aggregation.

Rohm & Haas	P.G.	P.G.	P.G.	P.G.	P.G.
Rick	3	2	5	8	
Caro f	4	0	0	12	
Cahall f	0	0	0	0	
Wood f	2	1	1	4	
Carnevale g	3	1	1	4	
Walters g	3	1	1	4	
Total	16	11	14	43	

Riverside Turners Club	P.G.	P.G.	P.G.	P.G.	P.G.
Carl f	2	1	1	5	
Vernon f	3	0	0	6	
Elmest f	4	1	1	10	
Murphy f	3	1	1	6	
Parker g	0	0	0	0	
Hannum g	0	0	0	0	
Gamble g	0	0	0	0	
Total	12	5	9	21	

Referee: Klecha
Scorer: Cantor
Half-time score:
Rohm & Haas, 15; Riverside, 11

a trio of "slow" ones in turn. And that the young folks like to dance was attested by one glance at the floor at any time during the evening. The soft lights cast their glow on peach-toned walls.

In care of the registration and numerous other duties were Walter Rosser, Mrs. Robert D. Brooks, Mrs. William Groff and Mrs. John Gavigan. And a number of the girls and boys gave willingly of their time in order to assist with the countless details.

The basement and the stairway leading to it were painted by a group of boys interested in the canteen. And in the basement on Saturday evening the group of young folks had a merry time at the two ping-pong tables, the shuffleboard, the three dart boards. Here also were small tables for other games, and racks for their wraps. Lavatories are also located in the basement. One basement room yet remains to be equipped, although a portion of it was used on this opening night.

The rules were well kept, and in

part they inform that there shall be no smoking, no gambling, no rowdiness, no profanity, no alcoholic beverages. Service men and women, within the age limits, are admitted free. All hostesses and hosts must be at least 25 years of age. Enforcement of rules and regulations is in the hands of the youth council of the canteen. If there is a second offence after one warning the membership card is "lifted" for one week.

An official name is soon to be selected by the young folks. The canteen will be open each Wednesday and Saturday evening. An orchestra will provide music this Wednesday evening, the members of the orchestra giving their services gratis.

As a token of their appreciation of her untiring efforts and interest, Mrs. Ancker was presented with a bouquet by the young people on Saturday evening, presentation being by Robert Chickenger, chairman of the youth council.

Organizing For
Red Cross War Fund

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ing on now among organizations. The special gifts committee has been eliminated this year, and this work will be handled by the regular residential solicitors.

The organization this year will differ somewhat from previous years in that each sub-division of the Bristol district will have a chairman who will in turn name a captain for that particular district; then each captain will ask the co-operation of a group of people to act as solicitors. In this

way an attempt will be made to have a 100 per cent solicitation and the returns will be much more speedily received.

Certificates of participation will be issued to each purchaser of a \$5 share in the Red Cross War Fund. These certificates, bearing the name of the contributor, may be dedicated to a brother, son, father, husband, sister or daughter, or friend in the armed forces, or to any person the donor desires.

The entire Bristol area is to be completely organized. A number of chairmen have been selected and others are to be named within the next few days. When the organization is completed in every district, the list will be published.

Mounting American Offensive From West Smashes Toward Rhine

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by the Germans to be raging in the Juelich and Dueren areas as the American offensive slammed toward the Rhine. Allied headquarters reported German resistance "moderate to light" along the invasion front.

At the southern end of the front, the First Army fanned out in an arc extending from three to four miles beyond Dueren where front dispatches said American armor was thrusting down the main highway toward Cologne.

Doveren, northernmost point at the new push, fell to the Ninth Army.

On Germany's blazing eastern front, meanwhile, Russian forces stormed northward toward the

Baltic in a new offensive threatening to pocket the Nazi's Danzig garrison. The drive across Pomerania toppled the Nazi stronghold of Preussisch-Friedland.

At the same time, Berlin reported fierce fighting for Neisse River crossings before the barricaded Reich capital as Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukrainian Army hammered toward the twin bastions of Gueben and Forst.

Other Nazi reports of a new Red offensive toward Czechoslovakia and the Sudeten mountains were unconfirmed in Moscow. Fighting continued around the encircled capitals of Koenigsburg in East Prussia and Breslau in Silesia.

Here and There In Bucks County Towns

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throp Hiscoc, who served as toastmaster.

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The dinner, prepared by the women of the Methodist Church and served by girls of the Methodist and Lutheran Churches, was opened by the singing of "America," followed by the invocation by Rev. H. M. Buchanan, pastor of the Chalfont Methodist Church. During the evening group singing was enjoyed under the direction of Ralph G. Shober with Hiram F. Bruner as piano accompanist.

Cooperating with the Lions Club and the scouts' fathers were the business and professional men of the community, all of whom combined as sponsors.

Following the address of welcome by President Hiscoc, Bucks County Scout Executive Raymond W. Hoxworth briefly explained scouting ideals.

Throw 1100 Bills In Legislative Hopper

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in his bureau. . . . Other measures, however, may be drafted elsewhere for legislators. . . . Since the session opened, approximately 1100 bills have been thrown into the Legislative hopper.

It is common knowledge among newspapermen assigned to the Legislature that a full gallery of spectators in either House or Senate will spark a prolonged burst of oratory on any subject dear to the hearts of lawmakers. . . . A recent session was no exception. . . . Speechmakers covered pollution, an address by Governor Martin, an attack on "government by commissions and bureaus," told jokes and put on what amounted to a free show for the visitors.

A bill revising the salary schedule for more than 61,000 school

teachers has been introduced in the House for the Pennsylvania State Education Association by Republican Representatives Fred P. Hare of Somerset and Thomas H. Lee of Philadelphia. . . . Minimum initial salaries for teachers in second, third and fourth class districts would be \$1600 a year for those holding bachelor's degrees.

Eight annual increments of \$100 each followed by a similar number of increments of \$40 each would be provided. . . . In first class districts, the starting salary would be \$1800 with eight yearly boosts of \$175 each followed by four of \$100 each. . . . Other increases were provided for teachers holding degrees higher than bachelor's. . . .

There has been a growing tendency among lawmakers, however, to discard any bill proposing increases which does not permit local school officials to take into consideration each teacher's ability and qualifications. . . . In other words, several lawmakers and members of the State School Commission feel that increases should be awarded only if they are deserved. . . . If a teacher fails to meet a certain standard, annual pay boosts would be postponed. . . . Much opposition is expected if legislation carrying out the ideas is introduced but many Assemblymen feel that a teacher doing a better job than another deserves more consideration.

Croydonite Suffers Shrapnel Wounds

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22 years of age. The member of the armored infantry is now hospitalized in France.

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ber. He was a student at LaSalle College, Philadelphia, when he entered the service. He trained at Camp Croft, S. C.; Camp Campbell, Ky.; and at the University of Cincinnati, O.

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